(c) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take to protect the workers from exploitation by the employers in this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is an established practice in organized sector to issue appointment letters to workman. But many establishments in unorganized sector are not following this established practice. However, under Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act it is the statutory responsibility of the employers to issue employment cards to Contract Labours. Whenever violations are detected, efforts are made to rectify the irregularities failing which prosecution cases are launched against defaulting employers.

Industrial park scheme

1163. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Industrial Park Scheme being operated by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent the revised proposal to Government of India on the Industrial Park Ordinance in 2006 for obtaining the approval; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Industrial Park Scheme aims at encouraging private investment in development of eligible projects in which high quality infrastructure is made available in a centralized manner, so that the units operating from such projects can have the benefit of lower transaction cost and shorter start up time. Under this Scheme, tax exemption under Section 80 IA of Income Tax Act, 1961, is available to undertakings accorded approval under the Scheme, for any ten consecutive years out of fifteen years beginning from the year in which the undertaking commences operation.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The revised proposal as suggested by the Ministry of Labour and Employment has not been received from the Government of Gujarat on the Industrial Park Ordinance.

Amendment in Central Labour Laws for SEZ

†1164. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government to the Central Government to amend Central Labour Laws for Special Economic Zone (SEZ) of Indore, Madhya Pradesh;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the proposals regarding these labour laws have been considered by Government;

(c) whether these labour laws have been accepted by Government under intimation to the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the nodal Ministry, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent the Madhya Pradesh Labour Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2003 to them, which is under consideration of the Government in consultation with concerned administrative Ministries/Departments.

Safety measures in mines

1165. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prescribed safety measures for workers, working in various mines;

(b) if so, the details of the mandatory safety requirements, management of mines has to implement;

(c) the number of cases where the managements of mines were found lacking in the implementation of safety measures during last three years; and

(d) the action taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Safety measures for workers working in the mines are prescribed in the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

(c) and (d) The number of cases including minor ones where the management were found lacking in the implementation of the safety measures during last three years is given below:

Year	No. of cases
2004	33700
2005	34596
2006	28164

The following actions are taken subsequently where the management of mines is found lacking in the implementation of safety measures:

(a) Withdrawal of permission

(b) Issue of improvement notices

(c) Enforcement of Prohibitory Orders

(d) Prosecution in a court of law